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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 09-251532A, dated September 22, 1997, together with a full English language translation of the same, and discussed in the second paragraph of page 1 of the specification; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2000-059679, dated February 25, 2000, together with a full English language translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

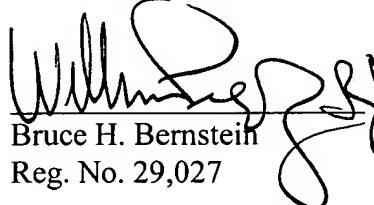
Further in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the Examiner's attention to the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/657,172 to Satoru HORITA, filed September 9, 2003, and entitled "Filter Process."

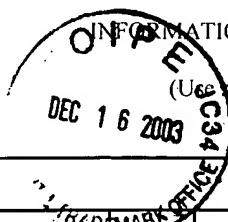
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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